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1. MINISTRY OF INFORMATION'S OFFICIAL DAILY BULLETIN
FEBRUARY 4 ANNOUNCED THAT "AGREEMENTS" ON SOVIET ECONOMIC
AID TO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF LAOS FOR 1976-77
WERE SIGNED IN MOSCOW JANUARY 29 (SEE REFTELS). ACCORDS WERE
SIGNED BY ALEXEI MANJOULO, VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN
TRADE, FOR THE SOVIET SIDE AND BY MAISOUK SAISOMPHENG,
MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, FOR THE LAO
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2. ACCORDING TO THE BULLETIN, DURING 1976 AND 1977, THE SOVIET UNION WILL DELIVER TO LAOS "IN LARGER QUANTITIES, MEANS OF TRANSPORT, SPARE PARTS, PETROLEUM BY-PRODUCTS, FOODSTUFFS, AND OTHER COMMODITIES." IN HIS SPEECH AT THE MOSCOW SIGNING CEREMONY, MAISOUK REPORTEDLY STATED HIS CONVICTION THAT COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S.S.R. AND THE PDRL WOULD CONTINUE TO DEVELOP IN THE FUTURE.

3. SOVIET AID TO LAOS IN 1976-77 IS NOT FURTHER SPELLED OUT IN ANNOUNCEMENT. WE ASSUME REFERENCE TO AID "IN LARGER QUANTITIES" MEANS LARGER THAN IN 1975. REF A QUOTES SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO LAOS ON PROBABLE TYPES OF SOVIET AID TO LAOS.
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